GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1396
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INDO-MYANMAR BORDER TRADE TALKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding India-Myanmar border trade talks appearing in the Hindu dated July 10,2002;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Eighth National Level Meeting between India and Myanmar to discuss security, border trade and other issues of mutual concern was held in New Delhi on 10-11 July 2002. Apart from the security related matters, the other issues discussed were drug trafficking, free movement regime, joint inspection of boundary pillars, border trade and banking arrangements, maintenance of Kalay-Tamu road, Kaladin project, Tamanthi HE project, construction of tourist center at Rhi lake and release of prisoners. The outcome of deliberations will further enhance the existing friendship and cooperation between the two countries.